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SUBJECT: TRADE UNION LEADERS CONFER

1. DAILY ORGAN OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK TRADE UNION COUNCIL PRACE REPORTED JULY 20 THAT KAREL HOFFMAN, PARTY PRESIDUM MEMBER AND TRADE UNION COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, MET WITH GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE FRENCH GENERAL CONFEDERATION OF LABOR, G. SEGUY. PRACE STATED THAT SEGUY AND FAMILY WERE VACATIONING IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AT INVITATION OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK TRADE UNION COUNCIL. TALKS DESCRIBED AS "FRIENDLY" AND "CORDIAL", AND THE TWO TRADE UNION LEADERS WERE SAID TO HAVE "EXCHANGED OPINIONS ABOUT FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE CZECHOSLOVAK TRADE UNION COUNCIL AND THE FRENCH GENERAL CONFEDERATION OF LABOR (CGT) AS WELL AS ABOUT CURRENT QUESTIONS OF THE EUROPEAN TRADE UNION MOVEMENT." FIRST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN L. ABRAHAM AND SECRETARY V KOZIK, BOTH OF CZECHOSLOVAK TRADE UNION COUNCIL ALSO PARTICIPATED.

2. THE ARTICLE CONCLUDED THAT "COMRADE SEGUY" RETURNED TO FRANCE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE TALKS.

3. FOR PARIS: EMBASSY IS CURIOUS WHY SEGUY MET WITH CZECHOSLOVAKS AT A TIME WHEN, WE UNDERSTAND, CGT IS TRYING TO DISTANCE ITSELF SOMEWHAT FROM SOVIETS AND EAST EUROPEANS, AND ESTABLISH GOOD RELATIONS WITH NON-COMMUNIST WESTERN TRADE
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UNIONS. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED TO HEAR ANY DETAILS OF SEGUY-

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